these projects in trying up the required inputs/clearances though no financial assistance is being provided for private sector power projects. However, GoI has provided counter guarantee to 6 out of 8 identified private sector power projects *viz.* the 740 MW Dabhol (Phase-I) and 1082 MW Bhadrawati power projects in Maharashtra, 216 MW Jegurupadu (Phase-I) and 1040 MW Visakhapatnam projects in Andhra Pradesh, 250 MW Neyveli-Zero Unit project in Tamil Nadu and 420 MW Ib Valley project (Units 3 & 4) in Orissa with to provide financial comfort to the investors and their lenders. Three of the projects *viz.* Dabhol (Phase-I), Jegurupadu (Phase-I) and Neyveli-Zero Unit having a total capacity of 1206 MW have been commissioned. Counter guarantees given for the Bhadrawati and Visakhapatnam projects have lapsed due to inability of the projects to comply with the required conditions. Counter guarantee given to the Ib Valley project has also lapsed since the project parameters have been changed with the new capacity being 500 MW (Units 5 & 6).

One of the projects (*viz.*, Godavari CCGT in Andhra Pradesh) withdrew the request for a GoI counter guarantee. Counter guarantee could not be issued to the Mangalore project in Karnataka since the State Government did not accept the prescribed conditions.

Electrification of villages in Tenth Five Year Plan

2890. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently CCEA has approved an action plan for 100 per cent village electrification and sanctioned Rs. 564 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) the amount that has been allocated for the year 2003-04; and

(d) the details of villages that are going to be covered in the first two years of Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a total grant of 563.87 crores for the Tenth

Plan as interest subsidy on loans for rural electrification of un-electrified villages under Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme (AREP). An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been provided in the budget of 2003-04 as interest subsidy under Accelerated Rural Electrification Programme (AREP). The salient features of this programme are:

(i) The interest subsidy will be at the rate of 4%

(ii) The interest subsidy would be provided as grant for the loans to be taken for rural electrification of un-electrified villages including dalit bastis, hamlets and households. Rural Electrification would be through Conventional as well as Non-Conventional sources of energy.

(d) The targets and size of implementation of village electrification are decided by the State Governments/State Power Utilities in accordance with their priorities, policies and availability of financial resources. However, during the year 2002-03, 5655 villages have been reported to be electrified.

Assessment of amount spent on power supply by SEBs

†2891. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of amount spent by State Electricity Boards in the country on power supply; and

(b) if so, the average amount spent annually by each State Electricity Board in the country on every unit supplied to the consumer during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. A Statement-I showing estimated amount spent by the State Electricity Board on power supply for the last three years is attached (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.